
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

Mr. KELLOGG asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To relieve American-built steamers and vessels from import duties laid upon materials and articles entering into their construction, repair, and use.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all import duties hereafter collected on materials
4 entering into the construction of vessels and steamers built
5 in the United States shall be returned to the builders thereof,
6 under regulations to be established for such purpose by the
7 Secretary of the Treasury; and all articles of foreign
8 product needed for subsistence on American vessels and
9 steamers engaged in foreign trade, or in the use or repair
10 of American vessels and steamers, may be withdrawn from
11 bonded warehouses free of duty.